COALITION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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Education Finance Committee Minnesota House of Representatives 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, MN 55155

Chair Davnie and Members of the Education Finance Committee,

We are writing to express support to House File 2657, Representative Wolgamott's bill to increase funding for special education services.

Students with disabilities across our state benefit from special education in order to have the supports they need to participate in school along with their peers. Providing adequate and equitable special education funding is essential to ensure that all students—including students who have disabilities—have access to robust and inclusive school programming that supports their overall learning and development. We are grateful to Representative Wolgamott for taking up this important issue and urge you to advance this important bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support to House File 2657. Please contact Natalia Madryga at nmadryga@hyldenlaw.com or 952-693-1329 with any questions.

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